

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
SEPTEMBER 1993
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1. SITE NAME: Camp Butner

SITE NUMBER: I04NC000900

LOCATION:

City: Butner
County: Granville, Person, and Durham
State: North Carolina

PROJECT NUMBER: I04NC000902

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 2

ASR RAC: 1

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION: The former Camp Butner is located in the north central part of North Carolina in the counties of Granville, Person, and Durham. The former camp consists of approximately 40,384.39 acres and was officially activated on 4 August 1942. The camp was established for the training of infantry divisions and miscellaneous artillery and engineer units within the Fourth Services Command, Army Ground Forces. The Camp Butner National Guard Training Center consists of 4,750.39

acres of the total acreage for this site. There is also a Federal Correctional Facility consisting of 769.88 acres on the FUDS land.

The soils in the area are acidic bedrock material. The site is located within the White Store-Creedmoor soil association, consisting of gently sloping to moderately steep, moderately well drained soils that have a subsoil of firm clay.

4. SITE HISTORY: The authority for the acquisition of lands in the Durham, North Carolina area for cantonment and training on a triangular division to support the country's effort in World War II was issued by the War Department on 12 February 1942. Construction of the camp began in early 1942 with the official opening ceremony being conducted on 4 August 1942. Actual property acquired for Camp Butner was approximately 40,300 acres.

Between 1942 and 1945, Camp Butner was host to a number of military units including, the 78th, 89th, and 4th Infantry Divisions. Its primary mission was to train combat troops for deployment and redeployment to the European and Pacific Theaters.

As many as 15 ammunition training ranges including approximately 23,000 acres, a 1000-inch range, hand grenade ranges, a gas chamber, and ammunition shipping/receiving and storage areas were constructed to support the camp training mission. Camp Butner, in addition to its primary mission of training combat troops, supported the war effort in other areas. The camp was host to one of the Army's largest general and convalescent hospitals. Camp Butner operated a prisoner of war camp. The Army also established its Eastern Personnel Reassignment Center at Camp Butner. The Center was set up for disposition of personnel not currently assigned to units within the Army. The camp, later, was designated as an Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station to handle reassignment of overseas returnees. The redistribution station was moved and Camp Butner became home of the War Department's Army Redeployment Center. The camp handled reassignment of troops returning from the European theater of operation to the Pacific theater of operation. Camp Butner was declared excess by the War Department on 31 January 1947. Accountability of the former camp's 40,300 plus acres was assumed by the War Assets Administration on

26 April 1947.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area	"1"
Size Acres:	3,300 acres
Former use:	Cantonment Area and Vicinity (Includes an ordnance area, a Small Arms Ammunition (SAA) 1000-inch range, and gas chamber)

Present Use: City of Butner
Probable End Use: Same as Present Use
Ordnance Presence: Confirmed: spent SAA only
Potential:
contamination
from gas
training

Area "2"
Size Acres: 7 acres
Former use: Ammunition Storage Area and Dump
Present Use: State owned land currently not being
used
Probable End Use: Unknown
Ordnance Presence: Potential
Types: See Table 8-1, Findings, for site
specific Ordnance and Explosives (OE)

Area "3"
Size Acres: 5 acres
Former use: Grenade Training Ranges
Present Use: North Carolina State University Beef
Cattle Research Farm
Probable End Use: Same as Present use
Ordnance Presence: Potential
Types: Hand and Rifle Grenades

Area "4"
Size Acres: 21,950 acres
Former use: Ammunition Training Ranges and Impact
Areas
Present Use: Many different land owners use the area
for farming, timbering, and other
agricultural uses
Probable End Use: Same as Present Use
Ordnance Presence: Confirmed
Types: 37mm, 40mm,
57mm, 81mm,
105mm, 155mm,
240mm HE
Projectiles;
2.36-inch rockets; hand grenades

Area "5"
Size Acres: 10,372
Former use: Remaining Land
Present Use: The remaining land makes up part of the town of Butner, agricultural type lands used by the state, privately owned agricultural and forestry type land, approximately 770 acres is part of the Federal Correctional Facility.
Probable End Use: Same as Present Use
Ordinance Presence: Uncontaminated

Area "6"
Size Acres: 4,750.39 acres
Former use: Ranges and Impact Area
Present Use: National Guard Training Center
Probable End Use: Same as Present Use
Ordinance Present: This area is under review for eligibility/Potentially Responsible Party process (PRP).

6. CURRENT STATUS: The Archives Search Report (ASR) for the former Camp Butner was completed by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District in September 1993.

7. STRATEGY:

Area 1: EE/CA
Area 2: EE/CA
Area 3: EE/CA
Area 4: EE/CA
Area 5: NOFA
Area 6: This area is under review for eligibility/PRP.

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

On 21 and 22 July 1998, a Priority RAC 1 Site Visit was conducted by Messrs. Jason Adams and Mike Slovak to determine if the conditions of the site warranted a Time Critical Removal Action (TCRA) and if the site constituted the overall Risk Assessment Code (RAC) score of 1. Messrs. Adams and Slovak were accompanied on the trip by Mr. John Baden from Wilmington District. The team visited Area 1, Area 2, Area 3, and Area 4. A TCRA is not warranted and the RAC score of 1 remains.

The ASR divides the site into four, very general areas. The ASR does not include the remaining land or the Camp Butner National Guard Training Facility in any of the areas stated in the ASR. These areas have been added to the fact sheet as Areas 5 & 6 respectively.

While an OE EE/CA is recommended for most of the site, the EE/CA should concentrate on the former impact area (Area 4). This is the area where there have been numerous OE incidences. The ASR states that hunters report finding OE items each year. Areas 1,2, and 3 were included in the EE/CA recommendation because of their potential for OE presence.

The ASR states that area "1" is littered with .30 caliber cartridge cases. There is historical documentation that indicates there was a flamethrower and small arms ammunition training range, an ordnance area, 1000-inch range, and a gas chamber within the cantonment area and its vicinity. There were no findings of hazardous ordnance by the site inspection team in this area. There is, however, the possibility of chemical contamination in the area of the former gas chamber. Irritating agents, commonly called tear gas, would have been used in this area.

Area "2" is the ammunition storage area and dump. There were no findings of hazardous ordnance during the initial site inspection. The structures in the area have been used for agricultural purposes since installation closure. There have been no reports of public encounters with ordnance in this area since the closure of the camp. There were no OE findings by the site inspection team in this area; however, the ASR states "due, however, to the types of supplies that were stored in this area the potential for OE contamination exists."

Area "3" is the hand and rifle grenade ranges where no OE presence was found. The area is currently a state university research farm and has been for many years. Interviews of the research farm personnel indicated that there were no known ordnance dumps or disposal areas located on the property. There has been no reported incidents of public encounters with ordnance in the years since the base closure. There exists the possibility of potential OE merely because of the types of munitions trained with in this area during the Camp Butner era.

Area "4" is the ammunition training ranges and impact areas. The area consists of 21,950 acres and has had many ordnance encounters since base closure. There have been discoveries of grenades, mortars, rockets and projectiles ranging in size from 37mm to 240mm. The ASR breaks this area down further into Areas A-F. This information can be located in section 6. SITE INSPECTION, e. Ammunition Training Ranges and Impact Areas and on

Plate 5 in the FINDINGS portion of the ASR. There are still remnants of movable targets, mock German villages, and heavily cratered impact areas.

Area "5" approximately 10,372 acres, is currently owned by the city of Butner, private citizens, and the state of North Carolina. The land is used for agricultural, forestry, and city purposes. The remaining 770 acres of this area is a Federal Correctional Facility. There have been no confirmed ordnance findings. The Facility is not located near any former ranges. This area should be considered for no further action.

Area **A6**", Camp Butner National Guard Training Center, consisting of approximately 4,750 acres, is currently under review for eligibility/PRP.

There are known Federally- and State-listed species occurring in the site area. An on site inspection by appropriate state and federal personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species, or natural communities.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: EE/CA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only